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Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic".

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 28th, 35th and 40th meetings, on 20 and 30 November and 12 December 2001. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/56/SR.28, 35 and 40). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 8th meetings, from 1 to 3 October (see A/C.2/56/SR.3-8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Commission on Human Settlements on its eighteenth session;[1]

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly, for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (A/56/477);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (A/56/618);

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 8* (A/56/8).

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(d) Letter dated 24 July from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué and the Genoa Plan for Africa, adopted at the Summit of Heads of State and Governments of the Group of Eight, held at Genoa, Italy, from 20 to 22 July 2001 (A/56/222-S/2001/736);

(e) Letter dated 27 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Tunisia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/260);

(f) Letter dated 19 July 2001 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space to the Secretary-General (A/56/306);

(g) Letter dated 21 November 2001 from the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their twenty-fifth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 16 November 2001 (A/56/647).

4. At the 28th meeting, on 20 November, the Assistant Secretary-General and Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/56/SR.28).

5. A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization (see A/C.2/56/SR.28).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.39 and A/C.2/56/L.75

6. At the 35th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" (A/C.2/56/L.39), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements, and the Habitat Agenda adopted in Istanbul in 1996,

"*Also recalling* the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly, on an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in New York from 6 to 8 June 2001,

"*Stressing* the importance of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, which was adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session,

"*Recognizing* the need for renewed political will for the mobilization and allocation of new and additional resources at the national and international levels in order to achieve full and accelerated implementation of the Habitat

Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,

"*Reiterating* that strengthened international cooperation is essential for the effective implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,

"*Recalling* the goal of improving the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by the year 2020,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

"2. *Reaffirms* the importance of the full implementation by the international community of the commitments to support developing countries in their efforts to implement the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements, the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

"3. *Emphasizes* the importance of placing adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world, as contained in the Habitat Agenda and in the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, particularly in developing countries, at the centre of policy-making at the national and international levels;

"4. *Recognizes* that Governments have the primary responsibility, at the national level, for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, and stresses that the international community should support Governments in their efforts through providing requisite means of implementation and through the creation of an international enabling environment;

"5. *Requests* the relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, programmes, funds and regional commissions, as well as the World Bank and regional development banks, consistent with their respective mandates, to fully support the effective implementation at the national level of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

"6. *Invites* all Habitat Agenda partners to contribute to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

"7. *Urges* the Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements to further strengthen the regional programme activity centres of the Centre in order to provide improved technical cooperation services to national Governments to implement the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium at the national and local levels;

"8. *Invites* Governments and the Habitat Agenda partners, including local authorities, to facilitate the dissemination of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

"9. *Requests* the Executive Director of the Centre to ensure its participation in the International Conference on Financing for Development

and in the World Summit for Sustainable Development and their preparatory processes;

"10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled 'Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly', and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

7. At the 40th meeting, on 12 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" (subsequently issued as A/C.2/56/L.75),* which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.39.

8. At the same meeting, the representative of New Zealand orally corrected the draft resolution.

9. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.75, as orally corrected (see para. 16, draft resolution I).

10. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.75, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.39 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.40 and A/C.2/56/L.76

11. At the 35th meeting, on 30 November, the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)" (A/C.2/56/L.40), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* relevant resolutions on human settlements, in particular its resolutions 3327 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974, 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and 34/115 of 14 December 1979,

"*Recalling further* the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements and the Habitat Agenda,

"*Aware* of rapid urbanization trends in developing countries and associated new challenges in shelter provision, eradicating poverty and sustainable human settlements development,

"*Convinced* of the need for urgent action to advance the quality of life of all peoples in cities and other human settlements,

"*Conscious* of the need to achieve greater coherence and effectiveness in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda within the United Nations system,

* The draft resolution was before the Committee in English only.

"*Recognizing* that urgent steps should be taken to ensure a better mobilization of financial resources at all levels, to enhance the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, particularly in developing countries with a view to improving the quality of life in human settlements,

"*Recalling*, inter alia, government commitments to promoting broad access to appropriate housing financing, to increasing the supply of affordable housing, and to creating an enabling environment for economic and social development that will attract investment,

"*Recalling also* its resolution 51/177 of 16 December 1996, in which the Assembly, inter alia, reaffirmed the designation of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) as a focal point for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and called for a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of the Centre with a view to its revitalization,

"*Recalling further* its resolutions 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 53/242 of 28 July 1999 and 55/195 of 20 December 2000 in which it requested the Secretary-General to consider further strengthening the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) through the provision of the requisite support and stable, adequate and predictable financial resources, including additional regular budget and human resources,

"*Recalling* the agreed conclusions of the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council of 2000,

"*Bearing in mind* Administrative Committee on Coordination decision 1983/12 of 22 October 1983, paragraphs 224 and 229 of the Habitat Agenda, paragraph 66 of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session, and conclusions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2001, regarding improving inter-agency coordination in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,

"*Recalling* the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, in particular, paragraph 67 inviting the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), in accordance with the relevant decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II),

"*Encouraged* by the resumption of voluntary contributions by several Member States to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in response to the work undertaken by the management of Habitat to reverse the decline of the Centre and give it a new impetus to advance the Habitat Agenda under revitalization,

"*Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled 'Options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)', including their financial implications,

"I. United Nations Human Settlements Programme

"*Decides* to transform the Commission on Human Settlements and its Secretariat, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, including its Foundation, with effect from 1 January 2002, into the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, to be known as UN-Habitat, which will have the following elements:

"A

"Governing body

"Status, composition, objectives, functions and responsibilities

"1. *Decides* to transform, with effect from 1 January 2002, the Commission on Human Settlements into the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly;

"2. *Decides also* that the Governing Council shall be composed of 58 members to be elected by the General Assembly for four-year terms on the following basis:

"(a) Sixteen seats for African States;

"(b) Thirteen seats for Asian and Pacific States;

"(c) Six seats for Eastern European States;

"(d) Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

"(e) Thirteen seats for Western European States and others;

"3. *Confirms* that the Governing Council will have the objectives, functions and responsibilities as contained in paragraph 222 of the Habitat Agenda and paragraph 66 of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

"4. *Decides* that the Governing Council will be the sole intergovernmental body within the United Nations Human Settlements Programme for policy deliberation and decision-making on human settlements;

"5. *Decides also* that the Governing Council shall meet biennially and report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

"6. *Decides further* that the Committee of Permanent Representatives to Habitat will serve as the Governing Council's formal intersessional subsidiary body;

"B

"Secretariat of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

"1. *Decides* to transform, with effect from 1 January 2002, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) into the secretariat of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme. The UN-Habitat secretariat shall service the Governing Council and serve as the focal point for human settlements and for the coordination of human settlements activities within the United Nations system;

"2. *Decides also* that the UN-Habitat secretariat shall continue to be headed by an Executive Director at the level of Under-Secretary-General, to be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four years on nomination by the Secretary-General;

"3. *Confirms* that the secretariat of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, under the direction of the Executive Director, shall be entrusted, inter alia, with the responsibilities contained in paragraph 228 of the Habitat Agenda;

"4. *Affirms* that the Urban Forum and the advisory committee of local authorities, being advisory bodies to the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, will only extend advice to the Executive Director and should not substitute for or interfere with any intergovernmental policy-making activities of the Governing Council;

"5. *Decides* that the resources for managing the Programme shall comprise the posts and budgetary resources of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements without prejudice to any additional regular budget or extrabudgetary resources that may become available;

"II. Financing of human settlements

"1. *Confirms* that the Executive Director of UN-Habitat shall be responsible for the management of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation with due regard to the terms of reference of the Foundation as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 3327 (XXIX);

"2. *Requests* the Executive Director to revitalize the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in order to achieve its primary objective of supporting shelter, related infrastructure development programmes and housing finance institutions and mechanisms in developing countries;

"3. *Invites* all Governments to increase their contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in order to enhance the capacity of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to support the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

"4. *Authorizes* the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to launch fresh fund-raising appeals and initiatives in order to substantially increase the Foundation's resources;

"5. *Calls* for the active participation and collaboration of the agencies and bodies within and outside the United Nation system and regional development banks in the activities of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme and its Foundation, particularly with regard to the provision of seed capital and the financing of operational human settlements projects and programmes;

"6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to support the United Nations Human Settlements Programme through the provision of adequate regular budget resources;

"III. Policy coordination

"1. *Reaffirms* that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and relevant resolutions, including General Assembly resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, together with the Governing Council, constitute the intergovernmental mechanism that will oversee the coordination of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

"2. *Emphasizes* the need to recognize the role and importance of shelter and sustainable human settlements in the activities and programmes of the United Nations system, particularly in the context of Common Country Assessments and United Nations Development Assistance Framework, as well as the poverty reduction strategy papers led by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund;

"3. *Decides* that the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, as United Nations focal point for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, will participate in the Chief Executives Board for Coordination;

"4. *Decides also* that the United Nations Human Settlements Programme should maintain linkage with the Commission on Sustainable Development in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda as it relates to sustainable development;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution."

12. At the 40th meeting, on 12 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)" (subsequently issued as A/C.2/56/L.76),* which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.40.

13. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement on the conference servicing implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.76 (see A/C.2/56/SR.40).

14. A'so at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.76 (see para. 16, draft resolution II).

15. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.76, draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.40 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

16. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

* The draft resolution was before the Committee in English only.

Draft resolution I
Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Habitat Agenda[2] and the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements[3] adopted in Istanbul in 1996,

Recalling also the report of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly, on an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held in New York from 6 to 8 June 2001,[4]

Stressing the importance of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,[5] which was adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session,

Recognizing the need for renewed political will and for the mobilization and allocation of new and additional resources at the national and international levels in order to achieve full and accelerated implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,

Reiterating that strengthened international cooperation is an essential element for the effective implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,

Recalling the goal contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration[6] of achieving a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers by the year 2020, as proposed in the "Cities without slums" initiative,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[7]

2. *Reaffirms* the importance of the full implementation of all the commitments undertaken in the Habitat Agenda;[2]

3. *Emphasizes* the importance, at all levels of policy-making and in the context of sustainable development, of giving high priority to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,[3] including achieving the goals of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development in an urbanizing world, particularly in developing countries;

4. *Recognizes* that the overall thrust of the new strategic vision of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and its emphasis on the two global campaigns on secure tenure and urban governance are strategic points

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[2] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[3] Ibid., annex I.

[4] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Twenty-fifth Special Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/S-25/7/Rev.1).

[5] Resolution S-25/2, annex.

[6] Resolution 55/2.

[7] A/56/477.

of entry for the effective implementation of the Habitat Agenda, especially for guiding international cooperation in respect of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development;

5. *Recognizes* that Governments have the primary responsibility for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, and stresses that the international community should fully implement its commitments to supporting Governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in their efforts, by providing the requisite means of implementation and through the creation of an international enabling environment;

6. *Requests* the relevant bodies of the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, programmes, funds and regional commissions, as well as the World Bank and regional development banks, consistent with their respective mandates, to fully support the effective implementation at all levels of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

7. *Invites* local authorities and other Habitat Agenda partners to contribute to the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium, and encourages them to participate, as appropriate, in the Urban Forum and the Advisory Committee of Local Authorities, in their roles as advisory bodies to the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, bearing in mind the decisions of the Commission on the establishment of those two bodies;

8. *Urges* the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme to assess the role and funding of the regional programme activity centres of the Programme with a view to providing improved technical cooperation services to Governments to implement the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium at all levels;

9. *Invites* Governments and the Habitat Agenda partners, including local authorities, to facilitate the dissemination of the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

10. *Invites* the Executive Director of the Programme to transmit the outcomes of the relevant intergovernmental processes relating to sustainable human settlements development to the preparatory processes of the International Conference on Financing for Development and the World Summit on Sustainable Development, bearing in mind the relevant decisions of the preparatory processes of those two conferences;

11. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-seventh session an item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly", and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

Draft resolution II
Strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and functions of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

The General Assembly,

Recalling relevant resolutions on human settlements, in particular its resolutions 3327 (XXIX) of 16 December 1974, 32/162 of 19 December 1977 and 34/115 of 14 December 1979,

Recalling further the Habitat Agenda[8] and the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements,[9]

Aware of rapid urbanization trends in developing countries and related challenges in shelter provision, eradicating poverty and sustainable human settlements development,

Convinced of the need for urgent action to advance the quality of life of all people in cities and other human settlements,

Conscious of the need to achieve greater coherence and effectiveness in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda within the United Nations system,

Recognizing that urgent steps should be taken to ensure a better mobilization of financial resources at all levels, to enhance the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, particularly in developing countries, with a view to improving human settlements,

Recalling the commitments of Governments to, inter alia, promoting broad access to appropriate housing financing, increasing the supply of affordable housing and creating an enabling environment for sustainable development that will attract investment,

Recalling also its resolution 51/177 of 16 December 1996, in which it, inter alia, designated the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements as a focal point for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and called for a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of the Centre with a view to its revitalization,

Recalling further its resolutions 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 53/242 of 28 July 1999 and 55/195 of 20 December 2000, in which it requested the Secretary-General to consider further strengthening the Centre through the provision of requisite support and stable, adequate and predictable financial resources, including additional regular budget and human resources,

Recalling agreed conclusions 2000/1 of the Economic and Social Council adopted at the coordination segment of the substantive session of 2000 of the Council[10] and the conclusions of the Council at its substantive session of 2001

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[8] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3-14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

[9] Ibid., annex I.

[10] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/55/3/Rev.1), chap. V, para. 6.

regarding improving inter-agency coordination in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,

Bearing in mind the responsibilities of the Centre, as set out in paragraph 228 of the Habitat Agenda, and the establishment of the Habitat task manager system,

Recalling the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium,[11] in particular paragraph 67 inviting the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session on options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, in accordance with relevant decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II),

Encouraged by the resumption by several Member States of voluntary contributions to the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation in response to the work undertaken by the management of the Centre to revitalize the Centre and give it a new impetus to advance the Habitat Agenda,

Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat),[12] including their financial implications,

I. United Nations Human Settlements Programme

Decides to transform the Commission on Human Settlements and its secretariat, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, including the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, with effect from 1 January 2002, into the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, to be known as UN-Habitat, which will have the elements described below:

A
Governing body
Status, composition, objectives, functions and responsibilities

1. *Decides* to transform, with effect from 1 January 2002, the Commission on Human Settlements into the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, to be known as UN-Habitat, a subsidiary organ of the General Assembly;

2. *Also decides* that the Governing Council shall propose its rules of procedure on the basis of the rules of procedure of the Commission on Human Settlements, bearing in mind the provisions of the present resolution, for consideration by the General Assembly;[13]

3. *Further decides* that the practices regarding the participation of Habitat Agenda partners shall be according to the relevant rules of the Economic and Social Council with regard to participation and accreditation, that the established practices

[11] Resolution S-25/2, annex.

[12] A/56/618.

[13] The first meeting of the Governing Council shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of procedure and practices of the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements.

of the Commission on Human Settlements shall be utilized and that such practices shall in no way create a precedent for other governing bodies of the subsidiary organs of the General Assembly;

4. *Decides* that the Governing Council shall be composed of fifty-eight members, to be elected by the Economic and Social Council for four-year terms on the following basis:[14]

(a) Sixteen seats for African States;

(b) Thirteen seats for Asian and Pacific States;

(c) Six seats for Eastern European States;

(d) Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Thirteen seats for Western European and other States;

5. *Confirms* that the Governing Council shall have the objectives, functions and responsibilities set out in General Assembly resolution 32/162 and in paragraph 222 of the Habitat Agenda;

6. *Decides* that the Governing Council shall be the intergovernmental decision-making body for the Programme;

7. *Also decides* that the Governing Council shall meet biennially and report to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council;

8. *Further decides* that the Committee of Permanent Representatives to Habitat shall serve as the Governing Council's intersessional subsidiary body;

B

Secretariat of the Programme

1. *Decides* to transform, with effect from 1 January 2002, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements into the secretariat of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and confirms that the secretariat of the Programme, under the direction of the Executive Director, shall be entrusted with the responsibilities set out in paragraph 228 of the Habitat Agenda and in General Assembly resolution 32/162. The UN-Habitat secretariat shall service the Governing Council and serve as the focal point for human settlements and for the coordination of human settlements activities within the United Nations system;

2. *Also decides*, bearing in mind General Assembly resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, that the UN-Habitat secretariat shall be headed by an Executive Director at the level of Under-Secretary-General, to be elected by the General Assembly for a term of four years upon nomination by the Secretary-General after consultation with Member States;[15]

3. *Affirms* that the Urban Forum is a non-legislative technical forum in which experts can exchange views in the years when the Governing Council does

[14] Existing members of the Commission on Human Settlements shall continue as members of the Governing Council until the expiration of their original terms.

[15] The current Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements shall continue as the Executive Director of UN-Habitat until the expiration of her original term.

not meet, and that the Advisory Committee of Local Authorities is an advisory body to the Executive Director;

4. *Decides* that the resources for managing the Programme shall comprise the posts and budgetary resources of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements, without prejudice to additional regular budget and extrabudgetary resources that may become available;

II. Financing human settlements

1. *Confirms* that the Executive Director of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme shall be responsible for the management of the United Nations Habitat and Human Settlements Foundation, with due regard to the terms of reference of the Foundation as stipulated in General Assembly resolution 3327 (XXIX);

2. *Encourages* the Executive Director to strengthen the Foundation in order to achieve its primary operative objective, as set out in General Assembly resolution 3327 (XXIX), in supporting the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, including supporting shelter, related infrastructure development programmes and housing finance institutions and mechanisms, particularly in developing countries;

3. *Invites* all Governments to increase their contributions to the Foundation to enhance the capacity of the Programme to support the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and the Declaration on Cities and Other Human Settlements in the New Millennium;

4. *Encourages* the Executive Director of the Programme to continue her fund-raising appeals and initiatives for a substantial increase of Foundation resources;

5. *Calls* for the active participation and collaboration of organizations and bodies within and outside the United Nations system, including the World Bank and regional development banks, in the activities of the Programme and its Foundation, in particular with regard to the provision of seed capital and the financing of operational human settlements projects and programmes, as well as developing appropriate and innovative approaches for financing its projects and programmes;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to support the Programme through the provision of adequate regular budget resources;

III. Policy coordination

1. *Reaffirms* that the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and relevant resolutions, including General Assembly resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, together with the Governing Council of the United Nations Settlements Programme, constitute the three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism to oversee the coordination of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

2. *Emphasizes* the role and importance of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, in particular achieving the goals of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements, in the activities and programmes of the United Nations system, in particular in the context of common country assessments and the United Nations

Development Assistance Framework, as well as the poverty reduction strategy papers process led by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund;

3. *Welcomes* the fact that the Programme, as the United Nations focal point for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda, will participate in the Chief Executives Board of the United Nations System for Coordination at all levels of its machinery;

4. *Also decides* that the Programme should strengthen its collaboration with the Commission on Sustainable Development and other relevant bodies in the implementation of the Habitat Agenda as it relates to sustainable development;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.